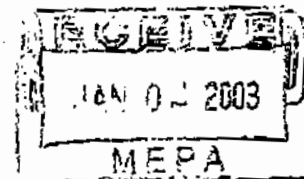


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December 31, 2003

Secretary of Environmental Affairs
251 Causeway Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114
Attention: MEPA Office



Project: King Street Substation and 23kv Electric Line Project
Location: Groveland/Georgetown
Proponent: Massachusetts Electric Company

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing regarding my concerns about the above mentioned Electric Line Project and its impact on the sensitive habitat area involved.

As an amateur naturalist, I am very familiar with the area, hiking it often. I have also certified three vernal pools along the corridor, and documented some rare species.

About two years ago, the Electric Company came through this area and widened the corridor. I was horrified at the damage left in their wake. All trees were left where they were felled, many in wetlands and vernal pools. Some were left across brooks, impeding the flow of water to nearby Pentucket Pond. Large machinery was driven through wetlands and vernal pools. I have enclosed recent photos showing the damage.

Much of this corridor runs through the Crane Pond Wildlife Management Area, and the entire corridor appears to fall within a state listed Rare Species Habitat. I am aware of documented sightings of blue-spotted salamanders, four-toed salamanders, and the threatened blundings turtle, having done much of the documentation myself.

I feel it is important that MEPA determine the impact this project will have on the rare species and vernal pools in this area. The timing of the project should also be addressed, so it will have a minimal impact on the migration and nesting of the rare species in the area.

If you would like any further information, you may contact me at 978-352-7364 or e-mail me at corngeorge@aol.com.

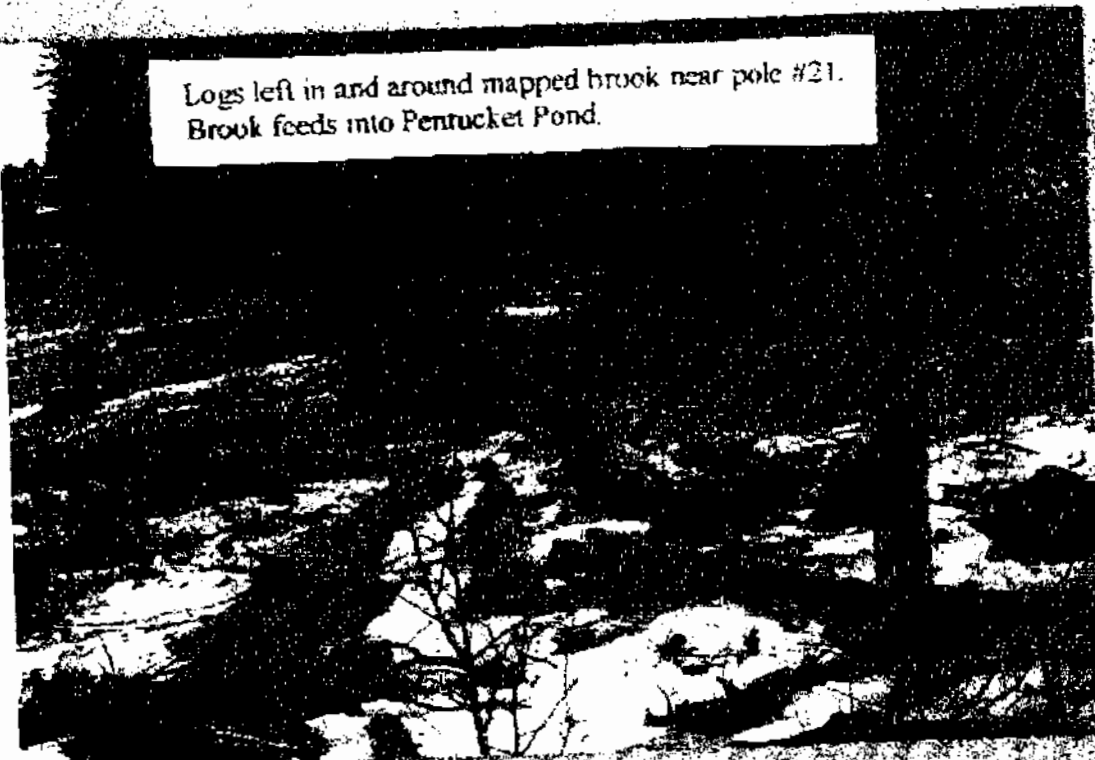
Sincerely,

Christine Corniskey
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PO Box 827
Georgetown, MA 01833

Encl: photos

CC: Georgetown Conservation Commission
Groveland Conservation Commission
Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program

Logs left in and around mapped brook near pole #21.
Brook feeds into Pentucket Pond.

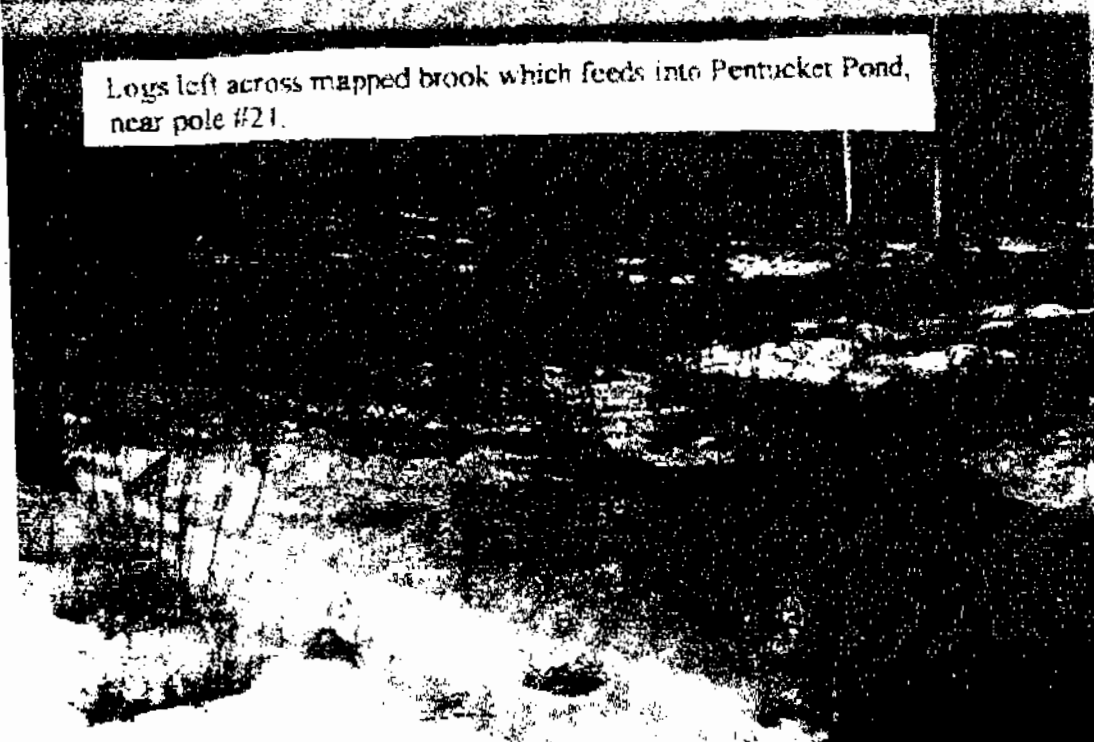


Logs left in wetland near pole #14






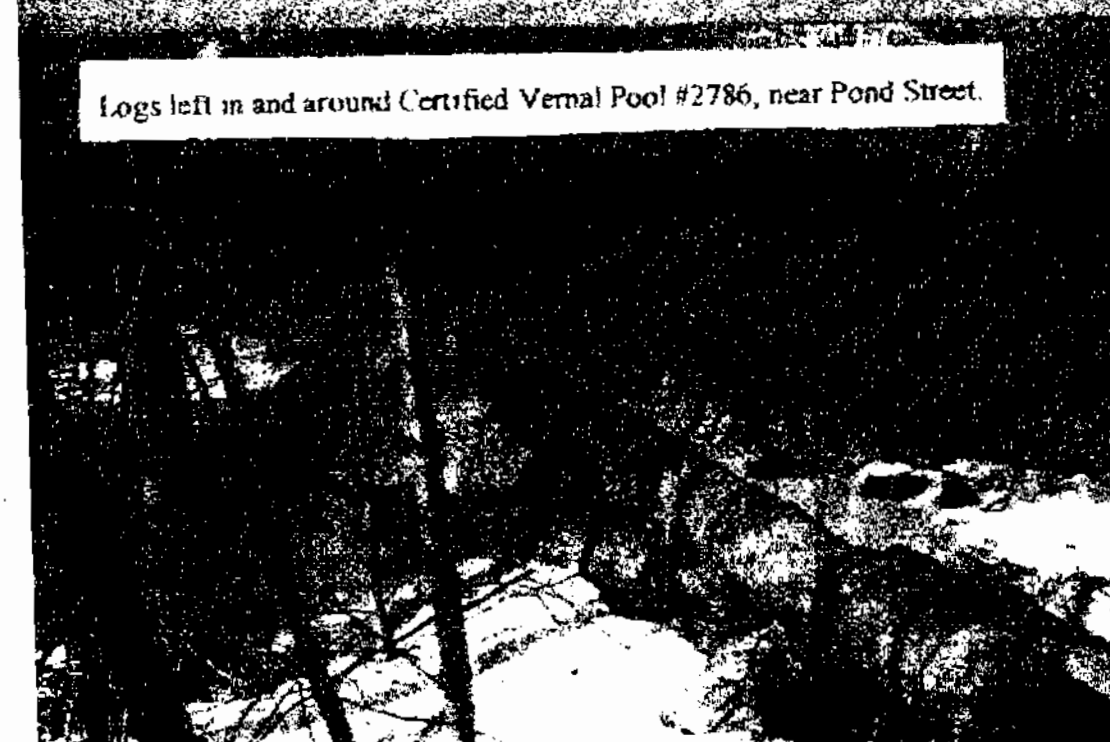
Logs left in and around Certified Vernal Pool #1932, near pole #23



Logs left across mapped brook which feeds into Pentucket Pond, near pole #21.



Logs left in and around Certified Vernal Pool #2786, near Pond Street.



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Tire tracks through wetland, near pole #18

Logs and debris left near Certified Vernal Pool #1822, near pole #17.